UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
V.)	No. 3:06-CR-03
)	JUDGE PHILLIPS
THOMAS ALVA AUSTIN,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

AGREED PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2006, an Indictment was filed in the above-referenced case charging Defendant, THOMAS ALVA AUSTIN with knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully affecting and attempting to affect interstate commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in interstate commerce by extortion in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a) and with money laundering in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(3)(B).

WHEREAS, in the forfeiture allegations of the Indictment in the above-styled case, the United States sought forfeiture of the interest of the Defendant, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(c); 1956(c)(7); 1961(1); Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) as incorporated in Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), in any property constituting, or derived, from proceeds traceable thereto and pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1), in any and all property, real and personal, involved in such offense, or any property traceable to such property. The Indictment sought forfeiture of the following properties:

- (a) Compaq Presario Notebook Computer, serial number SCNF5341KVK;
- (b) \$12,750.00 in United States currency;
- (c) \$1,119.78 in United States currency; and
- (d) 1998 Dodge 1500 Ram, VIN 1B7HF16Z9WS646986.

AND WHEREAS, a Plea Agreement was filed with the Court on March 2, 2006, wherein the Defendant, THOMAS ALVA AUSTIN, pled guilty to Counts One, Six, and Seven of the Indictment charging him with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a) and agreed to forfeit his interest in the following properties:

- (a) \$13,869.78 in United States currency; 1
- (b) Compaq Presario Notebook Computer, serial number SCNF5341KVK; and
- (c) 1998 Dodge 1500 Ram, VIN 1B7HF16Z9WS646986.

AND WHEREAS, on March 29, 2006, this Court accepted the guilty plea of the Defendant, THOMAS ALVA AUSTIN, and by virtue of said guilty plea and conviction, the Court has determined that the properties identified above are subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(c); 1956(c)(7); 1961(1); Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) as incorporated in Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and that the United States has established the requisite nexus between the property and the aforesaid offenses. Further the United States is now entitled

^{\$13,869.78} in United States currency is the total amount of currency which is to be forfeited in the above-referenced case pursuant to the agreement of the parties as expressed in the Plea Agreement, accepted by this Court. In the Indictment, the amounts were listed separately as \$1,119.78 in United States currency and \$12,750.00 in United States currency.

to seize said properties, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(g) and Rule 32.2(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure;

The Defendant, THOMAS ALVA AUSTIN, further agrees that he will sign a Consent Decree for Forfeiture and agrees to forfeit the following properties in a separate civil forfeiture action:

- (a) 1998 Dodge 1500 Ram, VIN 1B7HF16Z9WS646986; and
- (b) \$1,119.78 in United States currency.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

- 1. That based upon the conviction of Defendant, THOMAS ALVA AUSTIN, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a), the United States is hereby authorized to seize the following properties and the same are hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(h):
 - (a) \$12,750.00 in United States currency; and
 - (b) Compaq Presario Notebook Computer, serial number SCNF5341KVK.
- That the aforementioned forfeited properties are to be held by the United States
 Marshals Service in their secure custody and control.
- 3. That pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), the United States Marshal forthwith shall publish at least once for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, notice of this Order, notice of the Marshal's intent to dispose of the properties in such manner as the Attorney General may direct and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the above-listed forfeited

properties must file a petition with the court within thirty (30) days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

4. This notice shall state that the petition for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of

the petitioner's alleged interest in the property shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of

perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title and interest in each

of the forfeited properties, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right,

title and interest in the property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the

relief sought. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice

to any person, as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

5. That upon adjudication of all other or third-party interests in said properties, this

court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section

853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

6. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order, and to amend it as

necessary, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2(e).

7. That the Clerk of this Court shall provide a certified copy of this Order to the

United States Marshals Service and to the United States Attorney's Office.

ENTER:

Thomas H. Millipe.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Submitted by:

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